(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Policy for promotion of Indian Culture

†1519. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any policy for organising cultural fairs in different parts of the country to promote Indian Culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Culture through its seven Zonal Cultural Centres and other institutions organises cultural festivals/ programmes and fairs to promote the rich cultural heritage of different regions of the country.

(b) and (c) The cultural festivals/programmes and fairs are organised in those places which have cultural and tourist importance such as Kurukshetra, Chittorgarh, Kanyakumari, Allahabad, Chandigarh, Leh-Ladhakh, Kohima, Udaipur etc.

Development of Sea Beaches on Eastern Coastline

1520. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the sea beaches in Eastern parts of the country which are major attraction for the tourists;

(b) whether Government have prepared any plan for the development of those places of tourist interest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) All the coastal States have been advised to identify suitable areas as Special Tourism Zones for development of tourism.

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